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NOTIFICATION OF ELECTION
(PCT Rule 61.2)

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Date of mailing (day/month/year) 26 February 1999 (26.02.99)	
International application No. PCT/US97/18674	Applicant's or agent's file reference 032301-007
International filing date (day/month/year) 14 October 1997 (14.10.97)	Priority date (day/month/year) 11 July 1997 (11.07.97)
Applicant ABOUL-HOSN, Walid	

1. The designated Office is hereby notified of its election made:

in the demand filed with the International Preliminary Examining Authority on:

29 January 1999 (29.01.99)

in a notice effecting later election filed with the International Bureau on:

2. The election was

was not

made before the expiration of 19 months from the priority date or, where Rule 32 applies, within the time limit under Rule 32.2(b).

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Date of mailing (day/month/year) 21 November 1997 (21.11.1997)	
Applicant's or agent's file reference 19193-706	REPLY DUE see paragraph 1 below
International application No. PCT/US97/18674	International filing date (day/month/year) 14 October 1997 (14.10.1997)
Applicant A-MED SYSTEMS, INC.	

1. REPLY DUE within _____ months/days from the above date of mailing
 NO REPLY DUE, however, see below
 IMPORTANT COMMUNICATION
 INFORMATION ONLY
2. COMMUNICATION:

The information given for the CIP refers to serial number 09/933,566 (19.09.97) whereas the priority claim indicated in Box VI refers to serial number 08/933,566.

Please clarify.

The International Bureau of WIPO 34, chemin des Colombettes 1211 Geneva 20, Switzerland Facsimile No. (41-22) 740.14.35	Authorized officer F. Gateau Telephone No. (41-22) 338.8338 
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PCT INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL LETTER	DATE 14 OCTOBER 1997	DOCKET OR REFERENCE NUMBER 19193-706
REGARDING THE INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION OF A-MED SYSTEMS, INC.		514 Rec'd PCT/PTO 11 JAN 2000
ENTITLED	REVERSE FLOW TRANSPORT PUMP AND ORGAN STABILIZATION APPARATUS INCLUDING RELATED METHODS	

Certification under 37 CFR 1.10 (if applicable)

EM 033 352 813 US
"Express Mail" mailing number

14 October 1997
Date of Deposit

I hereby certify that this application is being deposited with the United States Postal Service "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service under 37 CFR 1.10 on the date indicated above and is addressed to the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, Washington, D.C. 20231/

Tracie K. Crethers
Typed or Printed Name of person mailing application

Tracie K. Crethers
Signature of person mailing application

To the United States Receiving Office (RO/US):

Accompanying this transmittal letter is the above-identified International application, including a completed Request form (PCT/RO/101). Please process the application according to the provisions of the Patent Cooperation Treaty.

The following requests are made of the RO/US:

1. PREPARATION AND TRANSMITTAL OF CERTIFIED COPY OF PRIORITY DOCUMENTS - Please prepare and transmit to the International Bureau a certified copy of the United States origin priority documents identified in Box VI of the Request form (37 CFR 1.451). To cover the cost of copy preparation and certification (37 CFR 1.19(a)(3) and (b)(1)).
 - a (check)(money order) in the amount of \$ _____ is attached to this transmittal letter.
 - the RO/US is hereby authorized to charge the following deposit account no.: 23-2415 (19193-706)
The appropriate Search fee for the above-named Authority is indicated on the Fee Calculation Sheet (PCT/RO/101 Annex).
2. SUPPLEMENTAL SEARCH FEES ONLY WHEN ISA/US CONDUCTS THE INTERNATIONAL SEARCH.) - Please charge any Supplemental Search fees that may be required by the United States International Searching Authority (ISA/US) to deposit account no.: 23-2415 (#)

I understand that this authorization is submitted to my oral confirmation thereof in each instance and that it is in no way limits my right to submit a protest against payment of the Supplemental Search fees, but is merely an administrative aid to assure that the ISA/US may timely complete the Search Report.
3. DISCLOSURE INFORMATION - In order to assist in screening the accompanying International application for purposes of determining whether a license for foreign transmittal should and could be granted, the following information is supplied:
 - A. There is no prior filed application relating to this invention.
 - B. There are prior applications, serial numbers 08/891,456 filed 11 July 1997 (11.07.97) & 08/933,566 filed 19 September 1997 (19.09.97) which contains subject matter that is
 1. substantially identical to that of the accompanying International application.
 2. less than that of the accompanying International application. The additional subject matter of the International application appears on page(s) and line(s) _____
 3. more than that of the accompanying International application.
 - C. Disclosure information cannot be covered by the language of Points 4A or 4B above due to the involvement of several prior applications or for other reasons. A separate sheet on which the disclosure information is explained is attached to this transmittal letter.
4. REQUEST FOR FOREIGN TRANSMITTAL LICENSE - According to the provisions of 35 U.S.C. 184 and 37CFR 5.11, a license to transmit the accompanying International application to foreign agencies or international authorities is hereby requested.
* priority is not claimed, unless all necessary information is listed in Box VI of the Request Form (PCT/RO/101).

SIGNER IS THE	NAME OF SIGNER (typed)
<input type="checkbox"/> APPLICANT	<u>U.P. Peter Eng</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> COMMON REPRESENTATIVE	SIGNATURE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (ATTORNEY OR AGENT) REG NO. <u>39,666</u>	<u>Mr. Dr. Peter Eng</u>

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REQUEST

The undersigned requests that the present international application be processed according to the Patent Cooperation Treaty.

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International Application No.

International Filing Date

Name of receiving Office and "PCT International Application"

Applicant's or agent's file reference
(if desired) (12 characters maximum) 19193-706

Box No. I TITLE OF INVENTION REVERSE FLOW TRANSPORT PUMP AND ORGAN STABILIZATION APPARATUS INCLUDING RELATED METHODS

Box No. II APPLICANT

Name and address: *(Family name followed by given name; for a legal entity, full official designation. The address must include postal code and name of country.)*

A-MED SYSTEMS, INC.
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US

This person is also inventor.

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Teleprinter No.

State (i.e. country) of nationality: US

State (i.e. country) of residence: US

This person is applicant all designated all designated States except The United States the States indicated in for the purposes of: States the United States of America of America only the Supplemental Box

Box No. III FURTHER APPLICANT(S) AND/OR (FURTHER) INVENTOR(S)

Name and address: *(Family name followed by given name; for a legal entity, full official designation. The address must include postal code and name of country.)*

ABOUL-HOSN, Walid
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This person is:

applicant only

applicant and inventor

inventor only (*If this check-box is marked, do not fill in below.*)

State (i.e. country) of nationality: US

State (i.e. country) of residence: US

This person is applicant all designated all designated States except The United States of America only the States indicated in for the purposes of: States the United States of America the Supplemental Box

Further applicants and/or (further) inventors are indicated on a continuation sheet.

Box No. IV AGENT OR COMMON REPRESENTATIVE; OR ADDRESS FOR CORRESPONDENCE

The person identified below is hereby/has been appointed to act on behalf of the applicant(s) before the competent International Authorities as:

agent

common representative

Name and address: *(Family name followed by given name; for a legal entity, full official designation. The address must include postal code and name of country.)*

ENG, U.P. Peter
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Mark this check-box where no agent or common representative is/has been appointed and the space above is used instead to indicate a special address to which correspondence should be sent.

Box No. V DESIGNATION OF STATES

The following designations are hereby made under Rule 4.9(a) (mark the applicable check-boxes; at least one must be marked):

Regional Patent

- AP ARIPO Patent: KE Kenya, LS Lesotho, MW Malawi, SD Sudan, SZ Swaziland, UG Uganda GH Ghana and any other State which is a Contracting State of the Harare Protocol and of the PCT
- EA Eurasian Patent: AM Armenia, AZ Azerbaijan, BY Belarus, KG Kyrgyzstan, KZ Kazakstan, MD Republic of Moldova RU Russian Federation, TJ Tajikistan, TM Turkmenistan, and any other State which is a Contracting State of the Eurasian Patent Convention and of the PCT
- EP European Patent: AT Austria, BE Belgium, CH and LI Switzerland and Liechtenstein, DE Germany, DK Denmark, ES Spain, FI Finland, FR France, GB United Kingdom, GR Greece, IE Ireland, IT Italy, LU Luxembourg, MC Monaco, NL Netherlands, PT Portugal, SE Sweden, and any other State which is a Contracting State of the European Patent Convention and of the PCT
- OA OAPI Patent: BF Burkina Faso, BJ Benin, CF Central African Republic, CG Congo, CI Côte d'Ivoire, CM Cameroon, GA Gabon, GN Guinea, ML Mali, MR Mauritania, NE Niger, SN Senegal, TD Chad, TG Togo, and any other State which is a member State of OAPI and a Contracting State of the PCT (if other kind of protection or treatment desired, specify on dotted line)

National Patent (if other kind of protection or treatment desired, specify on dotted line):

- AL Albania
- AM Armenia
- AT Austria
- AU Australia
- AZ Azerbaijan
- BA Bosnia and Herzegovina
- BB Barbados
- BG Bulgaria
- BR Brazil
- BY Belarus
- CA Canada
- CH and LI Switzerland and Liechtenstein
- CN China
- CU Cuba
- CZ Czech Republic
- DE Germany
- DK Denmark
- EE Estonia
- ES Spain
- FI Finland
- GB United Kingdom
- GE Georgia
- GH Ghana
- HU Hungary
- IL Israel
- IS Iceland
- JP Japan
- KE Kenya
- KG Kyrgyzstan
- KP Democratic People's Republic of Korea
- KR Republic of Korea
- KZ Kazakstan
- LK Sri Lanka
- LR Liberia
- LS Lesotho
- LT Lithuania

- LU Luxembourg
- LV Latvia
- MD Republic of Moldova
- MG Madagascar
- MK The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
- MN Mongolia
- MW Malawi
- MX Mexico
- NO Norway
- NZ New Zealand
- PL Poland
- PT Portugal
- RO Romania
- RU Russian Federation
- SD Sudan
- SE Sweden
- SG Singapore
- SI Slovenia
- SK Slovakia
- TJ Tajikistan
- TM Turkmenistan
- TR Turkey
- TT Trinidad and Tobago
- UA Ukraine
- UG Uganda
- US United States of America
- as CIP
- UZ Uzbekistan
- VN Viet Nam
- YU Yugoslavia

Check-boxes reserved for designating States (for the purposes of a national patent) which have become party to the PCT after issuance of this sheet:

- SL Sierra Leone
- ZW Zimbabwe
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Box No. VI PRIORITY CLAIMFurther priority claims are indicated in the Supplemental Box

The priority of the following earlier application(s) is hereby claimed:

Country (in which, or for which, the application was filed)	Filing Date (day/month/year)	Application No.	Office of Filing (only for regional or international application)
item (1) US	11 July 1997 (11.07.97)	08/891,456	
item (2) US	19 September 1997 (19.09.97)	08/933,566	
item (3)			

Mark the following check-box if the certified copy of the earlier application is to be issued by the Office which for the purposes of the present international application is the receiving Office (a fee may be required):

The receiving Office is hereby requested to prepare and transmit to the international Bureau a certified copy of the earlier application(s) identified above as item(s): (1) (2)

Box No. VII INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITY

Choice of International Searching Authority (ISA). (If two or more International Service Authorities are competent to carry out the international search, indicate the Authority chosen; the two-letter code may be used): ISA / EP

Earlier search Fill in where a search (international, international-type or other) by the International Searching Authority has already been carried out or requested and the Authority is now requested to base the international search, to the extent possible, on the results of that earlier search. Identify such a search or request either by reference to the relevant application (or the translation thereof) or by reference to the search request: Country (or regional Office): Date (day/month/year): Number:

Box No. VIII CHECK LIST

This international application contains the following number of sheets:	This international application is accompanied by the item(s) marked below:	
1. request : 4 sheets	<input type="checkbox"/> separate signed power of attorney	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fee calculation sheet
2. description : 33 sheets	<input type="checkbox"/> copy of general power of attorney	<input type="checkbox"/> separate indications concerning deposited microorganisms
3. claims : 8 sheets	<input type="checkbox"/> statement explaining lack of signature	<input type="checkbox"/> nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listing (diskette)
4. abstract : 1 sheets	<input type="checkbox"/> priority document(s) identified in Box No. VI as item(s):	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other (specify): Certification of Express Mailing
5. drawings: _____		
Total : 71 sheets		

Figure No. _____ of the drawings (if any) should accompany the abstract when it is published.

Box No. IX SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT OR AGENT

Next to each signature, indicate the name of the person signing and the capacity in which the person signs (if such capacity is not obvious from reading the request).

U.P. Peter ENG, Agent for Applicant

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1. Date of actual receipt of the purported international application:	2. Drawings: <input type="checkbox"/> received <input type="checkbox"/> not received:
3. Corrected date of actual receipt due to later but timely received papers or drawings completing the purported international application:	
4. Date of timely receipt of the required corrections under PCT Article 11(2):	
5. International Searching Authority specified by the applicant: ISA/	6. <input type="checkbox"/> Transmittal of search copy delayed until search fee is paid

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Date of receipt of the record copy by the International Bureau:

Supplemental Box If the Supplemental Box is not used, this sheet need not be included in the request.

Use this box in the following cases:

1. If, in any of the Boxes, the space is insufficient to furnish all the information:

in particular:

(i) if more than two persons are involved as applicants and/or inventors and no "continuation sheet" is available:

in such case, write "Continuation of Box No. ..." [indicate the number of the Box] and furnish the information in the same manner as required according to the captions of the Box in which the space was insufficient;

(ii) if, in Box No. II or in any of the sub-boxes of Box No. III, the indication "the States indicated in the Supplemental Box" is checked:

in such case, write "Continuation of Box No. III" and indicate for each additional person the same type of information as required in Box No. III;

(iii) if, in Box No. II or in any of the sub-boxes of Box No. III, the inventor or the inventor/applicant is not inventor for the purposes of all designated States or for the purposes of the United States of America:

in such case, write "Continuation of Box No. II" or "Continuation of Box No. III" or "Continuation of Boxes No. II and No. III" (as the case may be), indicate the name of the applicant(s) involved and, next to (each) such name, the State(s) (and/or, where applicable, ARIPO, European or OAPI patent) for the purposes of which the named person is applicant;

(iv) if, in addition to the agent(s) indicated in Box No. IV, there are further agents:

in such case, write "Continuation of Box No. II" or "Continuation of Box No. III" or "Continuation of Boxes No. II and No. III" (as the case may be), indicate the name of the inventor(s) and, next to (each) such name, the State(s) (and/or, where applicable, ARIPO, European or OAPI patent) for the purposes of which the named person is inventor;

(v) if, in Box No. V, the name of any State (or OAPI) is accompanied by the indication "patent of addition" or "certificate of addition," or if, in Box No. V, the name of the United States of America is accompanied by an indication "Continuation" or "Continuation-in-part":

in such case, write "Continuation of Box No. V" and the name of each State involved (or OAPI), and after the name of each such State (or OAPI), the number of the parent title or parent application and the date of grant of the parent title or filing of the parent application;

(vi) if there are more than three earlier applications whose priority is claimed:

in such case, write "Continuation of Box No. VI" and indicate for each additional earlier application the same type of information as required in Box No. VI.

2. If the applicant claims, in respect of any designated Office, the benefits of provisions of the national law concerning non-prejudicial disclosures or exceptions to lack of novelty:

in such case, write "Statement Concerning Non-Prejudicial Disclosures or Exceptions to Lack of Novelty" and furnish that statement below.

Continuation of Box No. V.

1) U.S.; 08/891,456; Filed 11 July 1997 (11.07.97)

2) U.S.: 09/933,566; Filed 19 September 1997 (19.09.97)

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FEE CALCULATION SHEET

Annex to the Request

International application No.

Applicant's or agent's
file reference 19193-706

Date stamp of the receiving Office

Applicant A-MED SYSTEMS, INC.

CALCULATION OF PRESCRIBED FEES

1. TRANSMITTAL FEE

230.00

T

2. SEARCH FEE

1180.00

S

Internal search to be carried out by EP

(If two or more International Searching Authorities are competent in relation to the international application, indicate the name of the Authority which is chosen to carry out the international search.)

3. INTERNATIONAL FEE

Basic Fee

The international application contains 71 sheets.

first 30 sheets

530.00

b₁

41 x 10.00 = remaining sheets additional amount

410.00

b₂Add amounts entered at b₁ and b₂
and enter total at B

940.00

B

Designation Fee

The international application contains 72 designations.

11 x 128.00 = number of designation fees amount of designation fee
payable (maximum 11)

1,408.00

D

Add amounts entered at B and D and enter total at I,
(Applicants from certain States are entitled to a reduction of 75% of the international fee. Where the applicant is (or all applicants are) so entitled, the total to be entered at I is 25% of the sum of the amounts entered at B and D.)

2,348.00

I

4. FEE FOR PRIORITY DOCUMENT

30.00

P

5. TOTAL FEES PAYABLE

Add amounts entered at T, S, I and P,
and enter total in the TOTAL box

3,788.00

TOTAL

 The designation fee is not paid at this time.

MODE OF PAYMENT

authorization to charge
deposit account (see below)

cheque

postal money order

bank draft

cash

revenue stamps

coupons

other (specify):

DEPOSIT ACCOUNT AUTHORIZATION (this mode of payment may not be available at all receiving Offices)

The RO/ US is hereby authorized to charge the total fees indicated above to my deposit account. is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment in the total fees indicated above to my deposit account. is hereby authorized to charge the fee for preparation and transmittal of the priority document to the International Bureau of WIPO to my deposit account.

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Deposit Account Number

Date (day/month/year)

Signature U.P. Peter Eng

Form PCT/RO/101 (Annex) (January 1993) (WSGR 12/96)

See Notes to the fee calculation sheet

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 Article 19 Amer
 due 2/9/99

From the INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITY

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To:
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COMMUNICATION IN CASES FOR WHICH
 NO OTHER FORM IS APPLICABLE

Date of mailing (day/month/year)	09/12/1998
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Applicant's or agent's file reference 19193-706	REPLY DUE See paragraph 1 below
International application No. PCT/US 97/ 18674	International filing date (day/month/year) 14/10/1997
Applicant A-MED SYSTEMS, INC. et al.	

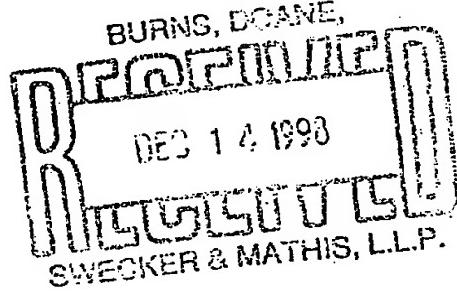
1. REPLY DUE within _____ NO 005 days from the above date of mailing

NO REPLY DUE

2. COMMUNICATION:

Due to an error, the partial search report has to be cancelled and replaced by the final report herewith.

The additional search fee already paid will be refunded in due course.



Name and mailing address of the International Searching Authority

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Elisabeth Vonk

PATENT COOPERATION TREATY

From the INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITY

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 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

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**NOTIFICATION OF TRANSMITTAL OF
THE INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT
OR THE DECLARATION**

(PCT Rule 44.1)

Date of mailing (day/month/year)	09/12/1998
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Applicant's or agent's file reference	FOR FURTHER ACTION	See paragraphs 1 and 4 below
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19193-706

International application No.	International filing date (day/month/year)	14/10/1997
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PCT/US 97/ 18674

Applicant

A-MED SYSTEMS, INC. et al.

1. The applicant is hereby notified that the International Search Report has been established and is transmitted herewith.

Filing of amendments and statement under Article 19:

The applicant is entitled, if he so wishes, to amend the claims of the International Application (see Rule 46):

When? The time limit for filing such amendments is normally 2 months from the date of transmittal of the International Search Report; however, for more details, see the notes on the accompanying sheet.

Where? Directly to the International Bureau of WIPO
 34, chemin des Colombettes
 1211 Geneva 20, Switzerland
 Facsimile No.: (41-22) 740.14.35

For more detailed Instructions, see the notes on the accompanying sheet.

2. The applicant is hereby notified that no International Search Report will be established and that the declaration under Article 17(2)(a) to that effect is transmitted herewith.

3. With regard to the protest against payment of (an) additional fee(s) under Rule 40.2, the applicant is notified that:

the protest together with the decision thereon has been transmitted to the International Bureau together with the applicant's request to forward the texts of both the protest and the decision thereon to the designated Offices.

no decision has been made yet on the protest; the applicant will be notified as soon as a decision is made.

4. Further action(s): The applicant is reminded of the following:

Shortly after 18 months from the priority date, the international application will be published by the International Bureau. If the applicant wishes to avoid or postpone publication, a notice of withdrawal of the international application, or of the priority claim, must reach the International Bureau as provided in Rules 90 bis.1 and 90 bis.3, respectively, before the completion of the technical preparations for international publication.

Within 19 months from the priority date, a demand for international preliminary examination must be filed if the applicant wishes to postpone the entry into the national phase until 30 months from the priority date (in some Offices even later).

Within 20 months from the priority date, the applicant must perform the prescribed acts for entry into the national phase before all designated Offices which have not been elected in the demand or in a later election within 19 months from the priority date or could not be elected because they are not bound by Chapter II.

Name and mailing address of the International Searching Authority  European Patent Office, P.B. 5818 Patentlaan 2 NL-2280 HV Rijswijk Tel. (+31-70) 340-2040, Tx. 31 651 epo nl, Fax: (+31-70) 340-3016

Authorized officer Elisabeth Vank
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INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

(PCT Article 18 and Rules 43 and 44)

Applicant's or agent's file reference 19193-706	FOR FURTHER ACTION see Notification of Transmittal of International Search Report (Form PCT/ISA/220) as well as, where applicable, item 5 below.	
International application No. PCT/US 97/ 18674	International filing date (day/month/year) 14/10/1997	(Earliest) Priority Date (day/month/year) 11/07/1997
Applicant A-MED SYSTEMS, INC. et al.		

This International Search Report has been prepared by this International Searching Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 18. A copy is being transmitted to the International Bureau.

This International Search Report consists of a total of 5 sheets.

It is also accompanied by a copy of each prior art document cited in this report.

1. Certain claims were found unsearchable (see Box I).
2. Unity of invention is lacking (see Box II).
3. The international application contains disclosure of a nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listing and the international search was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing
 - filed with the international application.
 - furnished by the applicant separately from the international application,
 - but not accompanied by a statement to the effect that it did not include matter going beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed.
 - Transcribed by this Authority

4. With regard to the title,
 - the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.
 - the text has been established by this Authority to read as follows:

TRANSPORT PUMP AND ORGAN STABILIZATION APPARATUS INCLUDING RELATED METHODS.

5. With regard to the abstract,
 - the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.
 - the text has been established, according to Rule 38.2(b), by this Authority as it appears in Box III. The applicant may, within one month from the date of mailing of this International Search Report, submit comments to this Authority.

6. The figure of the drawings to be published with the abstract is:

Figure No. 1

- as suggested by the applicant.
- because the applicant failed to suggest a figure.
- because this figure better characterizes the invention.
- None of the figures.

INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

International application No.
PCT/US 97/18674

Box I Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of Item 1 of first sheet)

This International Search Report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1. Claims Nos.: 29, 30
because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:
Rule 39.1(iv) PCT - Method for treatment of the human or animal body by surgery

2. Claims Nos.: 25-27
because they relate to parts of the International Application that do not comply with the prescribed requirements to such an extent that no meaningful International Search can be carried out, specifically:
Reference is made in claim 25 to an "inner cannula" which logically requests the presence in the claim of an "outer cannula"
3. Claims Nos.:
because they are dependent claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a).

Box II Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of Item 2 of first sheet)

This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows:

see additional sheet

1. As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this International Search Report covers all searchable claims.
2. As all searchable claims could be searched without effort justifying an additional fee, this Authority did not invite payment of any additional fee.
3. As only some of the required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this International Search Report covers only those claims for which fees were paid, specifically claims Nos.:
4. No required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant. Consequently, this International Search Report is restricted to the invention first mentioned in the claims; it is covered by claims Nos.:

Remark on Protest

- The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest.
 No protest accompanied the payment of additional search fees.

FURTHER INFORMATION CONTINUED FROM PCT/ISA/ 210

This International Searching Authority found multiple (groups of) inventions in this international application, as follows:

1. Claims : 1-24

A pump for transporting bodily fluids consisting of a housing having inner and outer passageways, a rotor, to create a reverse flow.

2. Claim : 28

Stabilization device, flexible guiding element, to immobilize.

3. Claims : 31-46

A pair of conduits having at least a portion of them forming a coaxial region.

Claims 1-24 describe a (blood) pump consisting of a housing containing a rotor impeller, the housing having inner and outer passageways to allow the creation of a "reverse flow" (i.e. the pump creates both the flow of the incoming fluid and the flow of the outgoing fluid, the two flows being parallel, coaxial and opposite in direction).

Claim 28 describes a stabilization device having a flexible guiding element to access the interior of a collapsible organ (which could be: heart, bladder, veins, arteries) to immobilize the operative site.

Claims 31-46 describe a pair of conduits wherein at least a portion of the two conduits (cannulas) share a coaxial region, or otherwise said, the inner conduit passes through a portion of the outer conduit.

None of the technical features identified in the 2 different groups of claims have anything in common in the sense specified by rule 13.2 of P.C.T. constituting therefore ground for a case of a non unity a priori.

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PCT/US 97/ 18674**Box III - TEXT OF THE ABSTRACT (Continuation of Item 5 of the first sheet)**

A surgical pump suitable for bodily fluids, normally blood, usable in the course of surgical interventions as an alternative to the traditional CPB (cardio pulmonary bypass) making use of external blood pumps.

It consists of an intake cannula (20) which is inserted with its fist (distal) end in a first vessel, an outflow cannula (30) coaxial for some lenght with, and lager than the first cannula, which is inserted with its first (distal) end in a second vessel, both second ends of the coaxial cannulas being connected with a pump housing(52) having an inlet (62) for the inner cannula and outflow windows (64) for the outer cannula, a rotor impeller (70) housed in the housing and connected with an electric motor (80) rotating coaxially below the pump housing, the housing having inner (56) and outer (59) passageways which allow inflow, change of flow direction (reversal) and outflow of the fluid, thus producing two coaxial counter flowing flows in the coaxial cannulas.

The pump can be used making use of a single portal.

Inflatable balloons can be used to stabilize the cannulas in situ and to stabilize the walls of the organs or vessels where the cannulas are inserted.

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PCT/US 97/18674A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER
IPC 6 A61M1/10

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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)
IPC 6 A61M

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practical, search terms used)

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
A	EP 0 768 091 A (SUN MEDICAL TECHNOLOGY) 16 April 1997 see abstract; figures 1,2 ---	1,6,11, 31,38,42
X	EP 0 280 225 A (CARDIOSISTEMI) 31 August 1988 see the whole document ---	28
X	US 5 478 309 A (SWEEZER) 26 December 1995 see abstract; figure 3 -----	28

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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

Applicant's or agent's file reference 032301-007	FOR FURTHER ACTION	See Notification of Transmittal of International Preliminary Examination Report (Form PCT/IPEA/416)
International application No. PCT/US97/18674	International filing date (day/month/year) 14/10/1997	Priority date (day/month/year) 11/07/1997
International Patent Classification (IPC) or national classification and IPC A61M1/10		
Applicant A-MED SYSTEMS, INC. et al.		
<p>1. This international preliminary examination report has been prepared by this International Preliminary Examining Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.</p> <p>2. This REPORT consists of a total of 5 sheets, including this cover sheet.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, i.e. sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications made before this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT).</p> <p>These annexes consist of a total of sheets.</p>		
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I. Basis of the report

1. This report has been drawn on the basis of (*substitute sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to the report since they do not contain amendments.*):

Description, pages:

1-33 as originally filed

Claims, No.:

1-46 as originally filed

Drawings, sheets:

1/25-25/25 as originally filed

2. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

the description, pages:
 the claims, Nos.:
 the drawings, sheets:

3. This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed (Rule 70.2(c)):

4. Additional observations, if necessary:

III. Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability

The questions whether the claimed invention appears to be novel, to involve an inventive step (to be non-obvious), or to be industrially applicable have not been examined in respect of:

the entire international application.
 claims Nos. .

because:

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- the said international application, or the said claims Nos. 29, 30 relate to the following subject matter which does not require an international preliminary examination (*specify*):

see separate sheet

- the description, claims or drawings (*indicate particular elements below*) or said claims Nos. 1-28, 31-46 are so unclear that no meaningful opinion could be formed (*specify*):

see separate sheet

- the claims, or said claims Nos. are so inadequately supported by the description that no meaningful opinion could be formed.

- no international search report has been established for the said claims Nos. 25-27, 29, 30.

IV. Lack of unity of invention

1. In response to the invitation to restrict or pay additional fees the applicant has:

- restricted the claims.
 paid additional fees.
 paid additional fees under protest.
 neither restricted nor paid additional fees.

2. This Authority found that the requirement of unity of invention is not complied and chose, according to Rule 68.1, not to invite the applicant to restrict or pay additional fees.

3. This Authority considers that the requirement of unity of invention in accordance with Rules 13.1, 13.2 and 13.3 is

- complied with.
 not complied with for the following reasons:

see separate sheet

4. Consequently, the following parts of the international application were the subject of international preliminary examination in establishing this report:

- all parts.
 the parts relating to claims Nos. .

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III. Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability

No meaningful opinion can be formed with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability of **claims 1-46** (Article 34(4)(a)(ii) PCT) for the following reasons.

III.1. The claims 1-28 and 31-46 are not concise (Article 6 PCT) having regard to the plurality of independent claims which relate to :

- a pump for transporting bodily fluids (claim 1),
- a hubless reverse flow rotor (claims 6),
- a reverse flow pump and coaxial lumen system (claim 11),
- a heart stabilization system (claim 25),
- an organ stabilization device for operative site (claim 28),
- a coaxial lumen assembly for a fluid pump (claim 31),
- a dual lumen fluid transport device (claim 38),
- a reverse flow dual lumen system for a fluid pump (claim 42).

This presentation of a plurality of independent claims makes impossible to identify "the claimed invention" on which an opinion should be based in the sense of Article 33(1) PCT.

Furthermore, since no international search report has been established on **claims 25-27**, no opinion with regard to novelty and inventive step of these claims can be established.

III.2. No international preliminary examination is carried out on **independent claims 29 and 30 because they relate to methods which involves a surgical treatment of the living body by surgery (see Article 34(4)(i) PCT and Rule 67(1)(iv) PCT). It is to be noted that, moreover, no international search report has been established for these claims.**

IV. Lack of unity of invention

As the International Searching Authority already pointed out, the application consists of different groups of invention which are:

- Claims 1-24: A pump for transporting bodily fluids consisting of a housing

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having inner and outer passages, a rotor, to create a reverse flow;

- Claim 28: Stabilization device, flexible guiding element, for immobilization;
- Claims 31-46: A pair of conduits having at least a portion of them forming a coaxial region.

They are not so linked as to form a single general inventive concept (Rule 13.1 PCT) since the only common concept is that the above cited products could be used in aggregation. An use however cannot constitute a unity concept linking together products which could also be used separately.